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Summary of Events
27 February - 12 March 1959

Indonesia has accepted a Soviet offer of \$17.5 million in credit for the construction of stadiums for the 1962 Asian games. A \$5 million loan agreement has been signed with Poland for construction of shipyards in the South Moluccas, South Celebes, East Java, and West Sumatra.

The receptivity of Sudan to offers of Soviet economic aid appears to be increasing. Although the Soviet delegation seems adamant in its refusal to make outright grants to Sudan, it reportedly has offered to extend a long-term loan at low interest for the purchase of Soviet capital goods.

Hungary and Rumania have offered to purchase 150,000 tons of phosphate from Jordan. 25X1

The Hungarian Minister of Communications recently arrived in Cairo to arrange a settlement with Egyptian officials regarding the failure of switch engines purchased from the Hungarian firm Ganz. Two 150-kw radiobroadcasting transmitters will be purchased from Czechoslovakia by the UAR for the Syrian sector.

On 26 February the UAR approved a long-term trade and payments agreement with East Germany calling for a level of exports by each country of \$34.4 million in 1959, \$40.2 million in 1960, and \$45.9 million in 1961. The UAR also has signed a trade and payments agreement with Czechoslovakia which provides for over-all trade between the two countries of nearly \$84 million.

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